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**Annual Reports of the
Town Officers
of the
Town of Paxton**

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Town Officers

For Year Ending February 4, 1924

Moderator

EDWARD L. CHUTE

Town Clerk

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

Selectmen

GEORGE M. NICHOLS

Term expires 1926

ROY P. MARBLE

Term expires 1925

FRED E. LADD

Term expires 1924

Overseers of Poor

GRACE C. MACCABEE

JOHN D. OLMSTEAD

CLIFTON PARKHURST

Treasurer

MARY M. DANIHER

Collector of Taxes

GEORGE H. WHITNEY

Auditor

WARREN H. COLDWELL

Constables

ALFRED MACCABEE

BERTRAM SMITH

Board of Health

FRED E. LADD

RENA ROBINSON

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

Assessors

ELIOT L. CROUCH	Term expires 1926
ROBERT S. SMITH	Term expires 1925
SUMNER FOSKETT	Term expires 1924

School Committee

GEORGE M. NICHOLS	Term expires 1926
GEORGE H. JOHNSON	Term expires 1925
MYRA D. EVERLETH	Term expires 1924

Trustees of Public Library

RUTH I. DERBY	Term expires 1926
GEORGE M. NICHOLS	Term expires 1926
RENA ROBINSON	Term expires 1925
NELLIE M. PRATT	Term expires 1925
SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1924
HERBERT S. ROBINSON	Term expires 1924

Municipal Light Board

FRANK GRIFFIN	Term expires 1926
ROBERT S. SMITH	Term expires 1925
ROY M. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1924

Cemetery Commissioners

RUTH I. DERBY	Term expires 1926
CLIFTON PARKHURST	Term expires 1925
ARTHUR W. DWYER	Term expires 1924

Water Commissioners

RUFUS B. DUNBAR	Term expires 1926
ARTHUR W. DWYER	Term expires 1925
ARTHUR F. STEVENS	Term expires 1924

Tree Warden

LOUIE M. ROBINSON

Appointed by the Selectmen

Superintendent of Roads

JOHN F. TRUM

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CLIFTON PARKHURST

Lockup Keeper

BERTRAM SMITH

Burial Agent

ARTHUR W. DWYER

Fence Viewers

ALFRED MACCABEE ELMER A. THOMPSON
J. RALPH BARCLAY

Field Drivers

WILLIAM MACCABEE BERTRAM SMITH
JOHN F. TRUM

Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHESTER M. ROSSIER HERBERT A. HOY
EDWARD E. EAMES

Measurers of Lumber

FRED A. SKIFF ARTHUR W. DWYER
EDWARD E. EAMES CHESTER M. ROSSIER
HERBERT A. HOY

Public Weighers

CHESTER M. ROSSIER HERBERT A. HOY
CLIFTON PARKHURST

Pound Keeper

BERTRAM SMITH

Report of Town Clerk

Action taken at Annual Town Meeting, February 5, 1923

Article 1. Chose Rufus B. Dunbar moderator.

Article 2. Voted to accept the reports of the town officers as printed in town report.

Article 3. The polls were opened at 11 o'clock A. M. and by vote of the meeting were closed at 4 o'clock P. M. Whole number of ballots cast one hundred fifty-five (155). The names of the officers chosen will be found on the first page of this report.

Article 4. The following appropriations were made:

Support of Poqr	\$145 00
Unexpended balance of 1922	110 25
Interest on D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	45 00
Additional appropriation for paying back bills of the department	550 00
Highways and bridges	100 00
Schools and transportation of pupils	9,850 00
Opening snow roads	3,000 00
Fire purposes	200 00
Plus unexpended balance of 1922	158 73
State aid	168 00
Soldiers' relief	192 00
Public Library. Dog Fund of 1923	184 57
Suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths	500 00
Care of common	50 00
Inspection of meat and slaughtering (as a salary)	125 00
High school transportation	1,060 00

Tree Warden	50 00
Depreciation Fund (E. L. P.)	295 00
Plus the appropriation of 1922	275 00

Voted, that the Tax Collector be paid a salary of \$200 for the ensuing year. That all uncollected taxes be transferred to the successor tax collector and that one-half of the salary be paid Dec. 31, 1923 and one-half be paid upon the election and qualification of his successor.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be paid 2 per cent. of all 1922 taxes collected until the expiration of his term of office.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220.94 to pay collector of taxes for 1922 taxes collected up to time his successor is elected and qualified.

Mooreland Cemetery (Income of C. D. Boynton Fund)	\$340 01
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Municipal Fund. (To be disturbed as per schedule of Finance Committee)	6,871 04
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(This includes \$5,258.00 recommended by F. C. plus \$1,392.10 indebtedness of electric light department, plus \$220.94 to be paid Collector of Taxes.)

Schedule of Municipal Fund.

Trade School Tuition	\$900 00
Trade School Transportation	350 00
Street Lights	450 00
Elections	40 00
Printing	350 00
Insurance	450 00
Care of Town Hall	208 00
Supplies for Town Hall	40 00
Current for Town Hall	70 00
Repairs on Town Hall	10 00
Fuel for Town Hall	160 00
Supplies and expenses—	
Assessors	100 00

Selectmen	100 00
Treasurer	5 00
Collector of Taxes	35 00
Sealer of W. & M.	65 00
Constables	100 00
Board of Health	5 00
Legal services	200 00
Howe place (repairs and taxes)	300 00
Court charges	50 00
Contingent charges	200 00
Care of clock	25 00
Current for Record Building	5 00
Salaries of town officers	1,110 94
Hay scales	100 00
Flag	50 00
Electric light department	1,392 10

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for Memorial Day. Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to make arrangements for observance of Memorial Day. Chair appointed George H. Whitney, Frank A. Reed and Mrs. Ruth I. Derby.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) to pay for surety on bonds required of town officers and that the Selectmen approve the same.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) for highways under Sec. 26 of Chap. 81 of the General Laws.

Article 8. Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the present municipal year beginning January 1,

1923, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said municipal year.

Article 9. Voted to accept list of jurors as prepared by Selectmen.

Article 10. Voted to pass over article.

Article 11. Voted that the care and rental of Town Hall and care of Town Clock be left with Selectmen.

Article 12. Voted that town officers be authorized to employ council when deemed necessary, by and with the approval of the Selectmen.

Article 13. Voted to bond the meter reader of the Electric Light Department.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for purpose of grading play ground, to be expended by School Committee and that the School Committee have permanent charge of play ground.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the further construction of the West road, providing that the County and State each appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for said purpose. Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the said sum and to issue therefor two notes of the town for one thousand dollars each, the first note to be paid from the revenue of 1923 and the second note to be paid from the revenue of 1924. The Assessors to provide in their tax levy for the payment of one of the notes and the interest on all outstanding notes each year. Voted to accept Nanigan Brothers' offer of the free use of their trac-

tor, together with fuel and operator, for construction of said road. Also voted to accept a donation of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) from Nanigan Brothers, made on condition that the County and State will each appropriate a like sum, for the purpose of road construction through the "Cook" land (so called).

Article 16. Voted that the town accept a deed of an easement for road purposes, of a strip of land, known as the "Cook" land, which deed shall incorporate a release of all claims of damages incurred or to be incurred on account of construction of the road or any slopes, cuts or culverts by reason thereof.

Article 17. Voted to accept the provisions of Secs. 7 and 8 of Chap. 136 of the General Laws relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit on the Lord's Day.

Article 18. Voted that the Moderator be authorized to consider this matter and to appoint such other persons as he might need to assist him.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to extend the electric light line from the residence of J. W. Bishop, Jr., to the residence of William L. Maccabee.

Article 20. Voted to install street lights on the Worcester road from the Worcester-Paxton line to the present terminal near the corner of Grove street. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for said purpose; and that the town treasurer be and hereby is authorized, by and with the approval of Selectmen, to borrow said sum of money and to issue therefor five notes of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each, the first note to be paid from the tax levy of 1923 and one note to become due

and payable each year thereafter until all shall have been paid. The assessors to provide in their tax levy for the payment of one of the notes and the interest on all outstanding notes each year.

Article 21. Voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to supervise the expenditure of the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and to raise and appropriate said sum for the celebration of July Fourth.

Article 22. Voted to appoint a special committee consisting of five members, of which the Board of Water Commissioners shall constitute three, they to name the other two, to investigate the matter of a water supply for the town. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for use of committee. Committee: Rufus B. Dunbar, chairman; Arthur W. Dwyer, Arthur F. Stevens. Fred E. Ladd and George H. Johnson.

Article 23. Voted to accept the provisions of the laws relating to ordinances and by-laws as specified in the article and that Rufus B. Dunbar be chairman of a special committee to be chosen by him, to formulate a code of by-laws according to the provisions of the article. The following committee was chosen, Rufus B. Dunbar, Miss Mary Daniher, John W. Bishop, Jr., Clarence G. Cheney, Lewis B. Curtiss, and Herbert S. Robinson.

Article 24. Voted to pass over article.

Article 25. Voted to pass over article.

Article 26. Voted to pass over the article.

Article 27. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to give the free use of the Town Hall, together with heat and light when necessary, to the "Sons of Paxton" or any other

organization of young people, for the purpose of playing basket ball, under such rules as the Selectment may determine. The town not to incur any expense for fitting up the hall for said purpose.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 5, 1923

Article 1. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted and that further time be given the committee to complete the work.

Voted to take up Article 2 of the Warrant, then Article 3, then return to Article 1 without further vote.

Article 2. Voted, unanimously, to accept the provisions of Sec. 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Laws relating to the inspection of buildings.

Article 3. Voted, unanimously, to accept the provisions of Sections 6 to 12 inclusive of Chapter 143 of the General Laws relating to the inspection of buildings.

Article 1. Voted, unanimously, to accept the temporary by-laws as recommended by the committee.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. The town of Paxton is hereby divided into zones or districts to be known respectively as Residential, and Non-Residential Districts.

Non-Residential Districts shall comprise all of, and only the area defined by the following descriptions:

The premises bounded northerly by the west road; bounded westerly by the westerly line of the school playground and that line continued southerly; bounded southerly

by the southerly line of land now owned by Edgar J. Mathews intersecting the State road and that line continued, and bounded easterly by the State road.

And the premises bounded northerly by Maple street, westerly by the Rutland road and the Worcester and Barre road; bounded southerly by the northerly line of land now owned by one Girouard; bounded easterly by a line parallel to the easterly lines of the said Worcester and Barre road and the said Rutland road and 150 feet easterly therefrom, and bounded northerly by Maple street.

Residential Districts shall comprise all areas not included in Non-Residential Districts.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, no premises lying in a residential district shall hereafter be used except as now used for the display of any sign, billboard, or other advertising device, which advertises or calls attention to any business, article, substance or any other thing except those devices which advertise or indicate either the person occupying the premises in question or the business transacted thereon, or advertised the property itself or any part thereof as for sale or to let; or for the housing in one building of three or more families; or for business or industrial purposes other than farming, truck gardening, the growing of trees, shrubs, vines or plants, the raising of animals, professional or other customary home occupations; and no permit shall be issued for the display of any such advertising device, or for the erection, alteration or conversion of any building for, or to such use.

Section 3. A permit may be issued for the erection, alteration or conversion of a building in a residential district to be used for more than two families or for business or industrial purposes, provided there is filed with the application for such permit written consents thereto signed by the owners or legal representatives of the owners of not less than a majority by frontage of all lands used for other than non-residential purposes on both sides of the street for the length of the street or for a distance in each direction of 500

feet. In the case of a corner lot consents shall be required for a distance of at least 250 feet in each direction on both sides of each of the streets which enter the square created at said corner.

Article II

Section 1. No building after this by-law goes into effect shall be constructed, moved or materially altered without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Selectmen.

Section 2. No permit shall be issued for the construction of any building with a floor area of more than 400 square feet unless plans and specifications therefor have been submitted to the Selectmen and the Selectmen for reason may withhold a permit for such a building of more than 400 square feet unless it conforms to the requirements of the United States building code.

Section 3. The Selectmen shall withhold any permit if they have reason to believe there is objection to, or doubt the advisability of the issue of the same until a public hearing notified by posting at the post office and the blacksmith's shop seven days at least before the date of the hearing.

Article III

Section 1. The Finance Committee, excepting the member or members thereof who are Selectmen, is hereby constituted as a board of appeals under any of the aforesaid by-laws.

Section 2. These by-laws may be amended or repealed at any town meeting as provided by the General Laws.

Section 3. Whoever violates any provision of the foregoing by-laws shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

A true copy, Attest:

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, *Town Clerk.*

Approved by the Attorney-General, July 24, 1923.

Article 4. Voted that the town accept the provisions of Sections 70 to 72 inclusive of Chapter 41 of the General Laws relating to election of a Planning Board.

Article 5. Voted that the town accept the provisions of Sections 73 to 81 inclusive of Chapter 41 of the General Laws relating to a Board of Survey.

Article 6. Voted to pass over the article.

Article 7. Voted that the report of the Trustees of The Richards Memorial Library, Inc., be accepted and spread upon the records of the town and that copies be sent to County Commissioners and Department of Public Works, Division of Highways.

June 2, 1923.

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

At a special town meeting Sept. 25, 1919, you were promised by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Richards of New York City that under certain conditions they would build a public library for the town that should cost not less than \$18,000 and not more than \$25,000.

Since then it has been possible for these conditions to be complied with only in part. On the part of the Town about two-thirds of the proposed State road has been built and on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Richards the library has been incorporated under the name of the Richards Memorial Library, trustees have been appointed, the land surveyed, plans for the building have again and again been prepared and estimates of cost of construction obtained in each case. The Library has been incorporated by Mr. and Mrs. Richards, George H. Johnson, Herbert S. Robinson, Samuel L. Clapp, Edward L. Chute and Herbert W. Estabrook.

The same conditions, however, that permitted the Town to extend the State road but two-thirds of the distance agreed upon at said town meeting, have wholly prevented Mr. and Mrs. Richards from building the library, viz., because of the rapid and extraordinary advance in the costs of construction.

To prevent all misunderstanding, the undersigned Trustees of the Library take this opportunity to explain to the

people of the town more in detail why the Library has not been erected, also to assure them that the original purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Richards to present to the town, sooner or later, a fireproof public library building, attractive in design and well arranged for library, community and historical purposes" has not diminished in the slightest; on the contrary definite arrangements have been made for ultimately carrying out that purpose in the utmost good faith.

Four designs have been considered. Immediately following the meeting in September, 1919, at which Mr. and Mrs. Richards were present, a design of building elliptical in form was prepared but when estimates of cost of construction were obtained it was found that the cost would far exceed the maximum limit of \$25,000. New plans were therefore prepared of a building of the same design but one-third smaller. This design was accepted because of positive assurances that its cost would be safely within the limit named. These plans were on exhibition for a year or more in the Town Hall. So rapidly, however, did the costs of labor and material still further advance that by the time these plans were placed in the hands of builders for estimates the lowest proposition was \$45,000 and the highest \$65,000.

Acting upon the unanimous advice of a considerable number of your citizens who were then called into counsel as to what course should be pursued, further action was postponed until such time as building costs should decrease. However, in the fall of 1922 plans were made for a small non-fireproof brick building, assurances being given that along such lines a building costing not exceeding \$18,000 could be built which would answer the purpose very well. Again we were disappointed, for when the plans were completed a still further increase in building costs and the very unsettled condition of the building market compelled a rejection of the plan. Our architects, when pressed for the probable cost of this most recent design, wrote us early in May as follows: "As far as building a small library for \$18,000 market conditions are such at present that contrac-

tors are bidding away from building and I should not care to give any estimates because even if I were to be conservative the estimates would be ridiculous. Just how long these conditions would apply I cannot say, but the market is crazy at present and I am sure you would get estimates running up to \$40,000 for that little building."

In these preliminary steps Mr. and Mrs. Richards have spent nearly \$1,500 already.

Therefore, after a very full and careful consideration of the whole matter, the Trustees at a recent meeting unanimously voted to advise that no further steps towards erecting the proposed library building should be taken until such future time as costs have decreased to that extent that a small but suitable fireproof building can be erected to cost not exceeding \$25,000. When that time shall arrive the Trustees will then take up with the Town the carrying out of such of those conditions as were named by Mr. and Mrs. Richards at the special town meeting September 25, 1919, having more special reference to the building of a brick or concrete sidewalk on both sides of the Goddard lot and of assurances satisfactory to the Trustees that substantially \$500 per annum would be annually appropriated by the Town for the support of the library. Such appropriation would represent only about one-fifth of the annual cost of operating the library, but the Trustees feel confident, that, when the time comes if the Town is unable to undertake any larger portion of the operative expenses than \$500, the remaining cost can for a limited time be otherwise obtained. Mr. and Mrs. Richards wish it understood that any requirement on their part for the completion of the State road to Streeter lane as originally proposed, is now waived.

The foregoing statement will, we trust, correct any misapprehensions that may exist in the minds of the people of Paxton as to the ultimate construction of the Richards Memorial Library.

Signed:

ELLIS G. RICHARDS,	ELLEN P. RICHARDS,
GEORGE H. JOHNSON,	EDWARD L. CHUTE,
HERBERT W. ESTABROOK,	HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

Trustees of Richards Memorial Library.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500, in addition to that raised at the last Annual Meeting for opening snow roads until December 31, 1923.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11.08 in addition to that raised at the last Annual Town Meeting for Moth work.

Article 10. Voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to expend the depreciation fund to make such extensions within their discretion, as that fund may justify, upon a guaranty of a seven per cent (7%) return per year on the cost of the extension.

Article 11. Voted to pass over the article.

All the articles in the warrant having been acted upon the meeting was dissolved.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1923

56 males at \$2.00	\$112 00	
24 females at \$5.00	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$232 00
Less 80 fees at 20 cents		16 00
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		\$216 00

Paid County Treasurer

June 1, 1923	\$93 60	
Dec. 1, 1923	122 40	
	<hr/>	\$216 00

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED, 1923

35 resident citizens' combination certificates of registration at \$2.00	\$70 00	
17 resident citizens' hunting and trapping certificate of registration at \$1.50	25 50	
7 resident citizen fishermen's certificate of registration at \$1.00	7 00	
3 minor trappers' certificate of registration at 25 cents	75	
	<hr/>	\$103 25
Less 62 fees at 15 cents		9 30
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		\$93 95
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game		\$93 95

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1923

Births

April	10	Florence L., daughter of Clarence G. and Pearl Cheney.
	14	Frank, son of Anton and Sophie Urbanowicz.
May	15	Clifford J., son of David M. and Ellen A. Watt.
June	9	Harold W., son of Charles and Florence E. Devio.
July	15	Bernard F., son of John A. and Ellen E. McKeon.
Aug.	10	Ruth L., daughter of Ludvig and Johanna Carlsson.
	26	Rita M., daughter of Arthur H. and Gertrude E. Cote.
Dec.	14	Stella, daughter of Manasseh and Esther G. Nanigian.
	27	Richard B., son of Frank A. and Irene M. Reed.

Marriages

Jan.	18	Michael P. Stachura, Worcester, and Nellie E. Supernor, Paxton.
June	18	George V. W. Clapp, Paxton, and Rosa E. Perry, Holden.
Sept.	15	Charles B. Brown and Lillian A. Shufelt, both of Paxton.

Deaths

			Y.	M.	D.
Feb.	20	Augustine Therriault	73	—	—
Mar.	25	Margaretta Catherwood	53	1	2
	31	Frederic M. Peirce	72	5	10
June	14	Isabell Hubbard	83	1	—
July	2	M. Anna Therriault	74	—	—
	19	Phillip Nanigian	1	9	8
Sept.	24	Henry Harrison Bush	81	7	1
Oct.	15	Horace Brittan	74	—	—
Nov.	8	Charlotte M. Sherer	78	6	21

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

FOR THE YEAR 1923

First meeting and organization Feb. 10. Mr. Ladd was appointed Chairman, Mr. Marble Secretary

At the meeting of Feb. 24th these officers were appointed:

Superintendent of Roads

JOHN F. TRUM

Care of Town Clock

CLIFTON PARKHURST

Care of Hall

GEO. H. WHITNEY

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CLIFTON PARKHURST

Fence Viewers

ALFRED MACCABEE

ELMER THOMPSON

RALPH BARCLAY

Field Drivers

WILLIAM MACCABEE

BERTRAM SMITH

JOHN F. TRUM

Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHESTER M. ROSSIER

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E. E. EAMES

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Pound Keeper
BERTRAM SMITH

Public Weighers

C. M. ROSSIER

H. A. HOY

C. PARKHURST

Care of Common
BERTRAM SMITH

Burial Agent
ARTHUR W. DWYER

Lockup Keeper
BERTRAM SMITH

Fire Warden
C. M. ROSSIER

March 10 J. Ralph Barclay resigned as fence viewer.

April 14 C. M. Rossier resigned as fire warden and Frank E. Williams was appointed.

H. A. Hoy was granted permission to open his store on Sundays.

April 28th C. M. Rossier was granted permission to open his store on Sundays.

John F. Trum was appointed special constable. Arthur F. Stevens, Frank E. Williams and Geo. V. Clapp were appointed fire engineers for the ensuing year.

May 26 Sumner Foskett was granted a butcher's license.

July 28 Louie M. Robinson was appointed special constable to Oct. 1. During berry season.

Sept. 8 Frank E. Williams resigned as fire warden and Geo. V. Clapp appointed to fill unexpired term.

ROY P. MARBLE,
GEO. M. NICHOLS.
Selectmen of Paxton.

Treasurer's Report

BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$100 00
W. L. Blaisdell	100 00

CARE OF COMMON

Appropriation	\$50 00
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B. F. Smith	\$36 00
Roy M. Wentworth	8 00
F. E. Ladd	1 25
	45 25

Unexpended balance	\$4 75
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ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND

Appropriation (Reassigned 1922)	\$275 00
Appropriation, 1923	295 00

\$570 00

Paid Paxton Electric Light Department	\$570 00
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FIRE PURPOSES

Appropriation	\$358 73
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Brewer & Co.	\$28 21	
Buffalo Fire Appliance Co.	12 00	
George V. Clapp	132 14	
Samuel L. Clapp	76 61	
Lawrence Girouard	2 40	
Fred E. Ladd	1 23	
Robert Many	25 92	
Walter Pike	2 40	
Frank E. Williams	5 00	
Worcester Fire Dept.	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$288 91
Unexpended balance		<hr/> \$69 82

JULY FOURTH

Appropriation		\$50 00
E. V. Hoyt	\$8 70	
Catherine Clapp	13 25	
Horace Partridge Co.	15 25	
G. M. Nichols	1 65	
C. M. Mossier	5 85	
	<hr/>	\$44 70
Unexpended balance		<hr/> \$5 30

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Appropriation		\$1,060 00
Samuel L. Clapp	\$791 60	
Ellie Ojanne	18 30	
	<hr/>	\$809 90
Unexpended balance		<hr/> \$250 10

WM. MACCABEE ELECTRIC LIGHT EXTENSION

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid Paxton Electric Light Dept.	300 00

INSPECTION MEATS

Appropriation	\$125 00
Clifton Parkhurst	125 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$50 00
Vincent Burns	\$12 00
Henry Devio	4 50
Fuller Regalia & Costume Co.	6 16
Leonard Gabree	2 25
Fred E. Ladd	1 55
R. S. Smith	6 50
Maurice Splaine	10 00
Stewart E. Whitney	2 25
W. J. Wood	4 79
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	\$50 00

MOORELAND CEMETERY

Appropriation (Income from Boynton Trust Funds)	\$340 01
Arthur W. Dwyer	7 40
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Unexpended balance	\$332 61

SUPPRESSION OF MOTHS

Appropriation February 5, 1923	\$500 00
Extra Appropriation June 5, 1923	11 08
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	\$511 08

Labor

Napoleon Boucher	\$79 50
Wm. Devio	79 50
Andrew Johnson	38 40
Sulo Johnson	32 40
John Rawlston	79 50
Louie M. Robinson	75 00
Chas. W. Silver	99 20
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	\$483 50

Materials

Fitzhurry & Guptill Co.	\$27 58
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	\$511 08

MUNICIPAL

Appropriation	\$6,871 04
W. A. Blaisdell	\$39 76
Brewer & Co.	2 50
Chas. R. Campbell	59 48
Civilian War Poll Tax	3 00
Warren H. Coldwell, Auditor	50 00
Commonwealth Press	264 25
E. L. Crouch	31 50
Mary M. Daniher, Salary, Town Treasurer	150 00
Mary M. Daniher, Postage	5 06

Davis Press		132 75
Denholm & McKay Co., Library		35 09
Ruth I. Derby, Insurance		484 10
Arthur W. Dwyer—		
Scales	\$20 25	
Care of Hearse	12 00	
	<hr/>	32 25
Henry C. Eames		2 00
Sumner Foskett		86 00
Franklin Printing Co.		11 00
Frost Office Appliance So.		88
Fuller Regalia & Costume Co., (Flag)		22 00
A. K. Gammon Co.		9 71
Marion E. Gleason (Assessor's Work)		14 00
Griffin Flooring Co.		75
W. & L. E. Gurley		6 10
Harrigan Press		70 60
Hobbs & Warren		4 75
Howe Farm, Repairs	\$65 62	
1923 Taxes	195 50	
Moth Tax	3 00	
	<hr/>	264 12
H. A. Hoy		1 04
Samuel E. Knipe		3 80
Fred E. Ladd, Salary Select-		
man	\$50 00	
Salary Registrar	4 00	
Salary Board Health	10 00	
Sundries	60 29	
	<hr/>	124 29
Alfred Maccabee		5 00
Edward L. Maccabee (Election)		4 00
Mrs. Grace Maccabee, Salary, Over-		
seer Poor		5 00
Roy P. Marble, Salary Select-		
man	\$50 00	
Salary Registrar	4 00	

Sundries	26 65	
	<hr/>	80 65
George M. Nichols, Salary Select-		
man	\$30 00	
Salary Registrar	4 00	
	<hr/>	34 00
J. D. Olmstead, Salary Overseer		
Poor		5 00
Clifton Parkhurst, Salary Over-		
seer Poor	\$10 00	
Salary Sealer	10 00	
Care of Clock	25 00	
	<hr/>	45 00
Paxton Electric Light Dept.		
Town Hall Current		58 58
Record Bldg		4 00
Loan		1,000 00
Mirick Perkins (Election)		4 00
Playgrounds		20 00
Frank Read (Election)		4 00
Herbert S. Robinson		4 08
Herbert S. Robinson, Salary		
Town Clerk	\$50 00	
Registrar	6 00	
	<hr/>	56 00
Louie M. Robinson		11 00
Rena Robinson, Salary, Librarian		52 00
Rena Robinson, Salary, Board Health		5 00
C. M. Rossier		15 32
Sibley, Sibley & Young, Attys.		67 00
B. F. Smith		17 00
R. S. Smith (Assessor)		173 06
Arthur F. Stevens		3 00
Frank O. Stevens Co.		2 25
Street Lights		450 00
Trade School Transportation,		
(Samuel L. Clapp)		558 00

Trade School Tuition,		
(City of Worcester)	1,014	29
R. M. Wentworth	19	75
Theodore N. Waddell, Certification Notes	14	00
George H. Whitney	663	86
W. J. Wood	8	71
P. W. Wood Lumber Corporation	76	68
Worcester County Abstract Co.	66	35
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		\$6,457 36
Unexpended balance		<hr/>
		\$413 68

PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	\$50	00	
From Municipal	20	00	
		<hr/>	\$70 00
Fred E. Ladd	\$1	10	
Alfred Maccabee	25	00	
		<hr/>	\$26 10
Unexpended balance			<hr/>
			\$43 90

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation		\$850 25
Charlton Poor Farm Assn.	\$13	20
E. L. Crouch	9	00
H. A. Hoy	44	81
Clifton Parkhurst	12	50
Paxton Electric Light Dept.	2	60

John F. Trum	7 00	
City of Worcester	488 60	
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		\$577 71
Unexpended balance		<hr/>
		\$272 54

ROADS, CHAP. 81, SEC. 26, 1923 (Town Roads)

Appropriation	\$1600 00	
State	2400 00	
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		\$4000 00
Refund from State, acct. Federal detour		512 62
		<hr/>
		\$4512 62

Labor

John Ahearn	\$13 50
W. A. Blaisdell	15 00
John Burke	115 00
Clarence Caldwell	202 00
Wesley Ferris	13 50
John Hacko	172 60
Andrew Johnson	31 50
Gustaf Johnson	122 50
Matti Johnson	76 70
Fred E. Ladd	7 45
August Laurilla	14 85
O. Lundstrom	20 00
Thomas McGee	45 75
John McHale	19 20
William Mundy	211 50
Arne Niemi	139 40
Frank Niemi	65 40
Fred Niemela	101 50

George Perkins	137 50	
Laurie Pouttu	2 00	
Maurie Pouttu	2 00	
John Raunala	60 50	
John Rawlston	63 00	
Gus A. Rossier	28 50	
Joseph Smith	18 00	
Harry Streeter	13 50	
Wallis Tannehill	13 20	
John F. Trum	469 39	
John F. Trum, Jr.	409 30	
William Trum	998 20	
George H. Whitney	32 60	
John Wickstrom	104 60	
	<hr/>	\$3739 64

Materials

Barrett Company	\$390 49	
Good Roads Machinery Co., Inc.	2 70	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	27 50	
F. E. Ladd	4 40	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	269 49	
Ross Bros. Co.	2 50	
C. M. Rossier	32 42	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	7 72	
	<hr/>	\$737 22
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		\$4476 86
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Unexpended balance		\$35 76

ROADS, CHAP. 90, NORTH SPENCER, 1922

Balance from 1922 \$1485 28

Labor

Otto Beckwith	\$22 00	
John Burke	88 50	
Clarence Caldwell	36 00	
John Hacko	93 50	
Andrew Johnson	69 00	
Gustaf Johnson	43 50	
Matti Johnson	50 00	
Joe Kovisto	20 50	
Fred E. Ladd	7 65	
Thomas McGee	52 50	
Joe McGee	9 00	
John McHale	20 50	
William Mundy	49 50	
Arne Niemi	52 00	
Frank Niemi	41 00	
Fred Niemela	45 00	
George Perkins	88 50	
John Raunala	50 00	
John Rawlston	49 50	
Louie M. Robinson	4 50	
Gus A. Rossier	60 50	
John F. Trum	120 86	
John F. Trum, Jr.	168 00	
William Trum	87 50	
John Wickstrom	89 00	
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		\$1418 51

Materials

Barrett Co.	\$50 49	
Claffin Sumner Coal Co.	11 38	
C. M. Rossier	4 90	
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		\$66 77
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		\$1485 28

ROADS, CHAP. 90, NORTH SPENCER, 1923

Appropriation	\$2000 00
State	2000 00
County	2000 00
Extra from State	1000 00
Extra from County	1000 00
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	\$8000 00

Labor

John Ahearn	\$270 00
Barney Bertels	103 50
John Burke	177 90
Clarence Caldwell	123 00
Wesley Ferris	18 00
Lawrence Girouard	58 50
John Hacko	396 55
Charles Hosmer	99 00
Matti Johnson	387 60
Joe Kovisto	255 40
Fred E. Ladd	78 89
Milton Ladd	67 50
August Laurilla	237 60
Thomas McGee	313 50
Joe McGee	115 00
John McHale	254 50
William Mundy	313 75
Frank Niemi	19 50
Fred Niemela	43 35
J. D. Olmstead	13 30
Clifton Parkhurst	4 50
George Perkins	186 00
George Perkins, Jr.	189 00
John Raunala	203 30
John Rawlston	211 50
Frank Robinson	121 50

Gus A. Rossier	15 00
Joseph Smith	451 00
Charles Stevens	69 50
Harry Streeter	89 00
Wallis Tannehill	244 00
Henry Trum	18 00
John F. Trum	650 40
John F. Trum, Jr.	593 50
William Trum	616 00
George H. Whitney	19 95
John Wickstrom	367 60
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	\$7396 09

Materials

Central Supply Co.	\$20 26
O. G. Hedlund Coal Co.	37 31
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	31 00
Midgley Steel & Wire Co.	14 70
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	375 06
Ross Bros. Co.	49 75
C. M. Rossier	13 72
Waite Hardware Co.	43 31
Wickwire-Spencer Steel Co.	10 80
John Wickstrom	8 00
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	\$603 91
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	\$8000 00

SCHOOLS, 1923

Appropriation	\$9850 00
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Teachers' Salaries

Joseph K. Atkins	\$577 76	
Flora E. Barclay	722 24	
Doris H. Barton	872 24	
Jenne Donahue	50 00	
Mrs. Josephine M. Gould	719 40	
Eva M. Huby	264 00	
Mrs. Ruth A. Keddie	444 40	
Anne C. Merriman	555 55	
	<hr/>	\$4205 59
J. R. Childs, Supt.		285 00
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		\$4490 59

Supplies, Etc.

American Book Co.	\$22 84
Edward E. Babb & Co.	171 59
Flora E. Barclay, census	10 00
Napoleon Boucher, painting	158 38
Mrs. Boucher, cleaning	10 00
Milton Bradley Co.	19 17
H. W. Carter Co.	18 15
J. R. Childs, sundries	56 37
Samuel L. Clapp, grade S. trans.	617 50
Duncan & Goodell Co.	2 10
Arthur W. Dyer	260 90
Myra D. Everleth	25 00
F. W. Ford & Co.	23 35
Sumner Foskett	25 00
Frost Office Appliance Co.	1 50
J. L. Hammett Co.	100 42
O. G. Hedlund Coal Co.	111 75
High School Tuition, City of Worcester	1612 50
George H. Johnson, School Committee	15 00

J. L. Johnson, Trans.	525 00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	59 10	
Fred E. Ladd	3 75	
John McHale	300 00	
Alfred Maccabee	14 25	
The Macmillan Co.	2 00	
Marcellus Roper Co.	1 50	
I. H. Morse Co.	26 73	
George M. Nichols	15 00	
J. D. Olmstead	7 05	
Clifton Parkhurst, Janitor and repair	434 90	
Paxton Electric Light Dept.	12 00	
Perkins & Butler	2 75	
Robinson & Brigham	33 74	
C. M. Rossier	11 00	
C. T. Sherer Co.	2 69	
C. K. Smith Co.	156 95	
Joseph Smith	43 00	
Town of Spencer	70 00	
Mrs. Annie P. Stearns, nurse	15 00	
Arthur F. Stevens	100 00	
Samuel Van Wyck	90 00	
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	8 28	
R. M. Wentworth	54	
Fred R. Williams, M.D.	12 50	
		<u>\$5209 25</u>
		<u>\$9699 84</u>
Unexpended balance		\$150 16

 SNOW

Appropriation, February 5th, 1923	\$3000 00	
Appropriation, June 5th, additional	2500 00	
		<u>\$5500 00</u>

John Ahearn	\$309 70
B. F. Barclay	46 00
Otto Beckwith	48 80
Brandt Bros.	86 40
Anton Brandt	40 80
Sam Brandt	48 00
Walter Brandt	37 60
A. A. Brigham	77 00
John Burke	62 60
Richard Catherwood	14 00
Mrs. Joseph Cote	10 00
Nelson Cote	29 60
Charles Devio	18 60
William Devio	47 20
Gordon Ferris	14 00
Wesley Ferris	14 00
Sumner Fosket	9 35
Lawrence Girouard	11 00
Avery Glidden	7 20
Adelbert Gotha	28 40
Albert Gotha	63 60
Elmer Gotha	43 90
Nils Jacobson	34 00
Andrew Johnson	216 80
Gustaf Johnson	136 50
Matti Johnson	16 00
Sulo Johnson	212 00
Milton Ladd	7 20
Gustave Lantinen	15 00
Charles Lindquist	77 40
Francis Lombard	8 00
John McHale	101 50
John McKeon	97 20
Alfred Maccabee	32 80
W. L. Maccabee	106 70
William Mundy	82 80
Arnie Niemi	135 20

Frank Niemi	70 00
Fred Niemela	39 20
John F. Niemela	21 60
George Perkins	97 40
Mirick Perkins	48 00
Walter Pike	3 20
Laurie Pouttu	139 60
Maurie Pouttu	147 60
Frank Read	25 20
C. M. Rossier	1 50
Gus A. Rossier	24 30
Fred A. Skiff	60 40
B. F. Smith	69 80
Joseph Smith	140 00
Southbridge Tractor Co.	350 00
Arthur F. Stevens	6 40
Charles Stevens	34 00
Wallis Tannehill	28 00
John F. Trum	369 83
John F. Trum, Jr.	328 30
William Trum	537 60
John Turner	44 20
Stanley Turner	29 00
Samuel Van Wyck	267 75
Edward Ward	80 40
D. M. Watt	18 20
Robert E. Wells	3 20
George H. Whitney	16 00
John Wickstrom	79 80
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	\$5427 33

Unexpended balance

\$72 67

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	\$192 00
Mary E. Pike	\$192 00

STATE AID

Appropriation		\$168 00
Harriet M. Cheney	\$48 00	
Adaline E. Gotha	48 00	
Cordelia R. Welch	72 00	
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 TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$50 00
Napoleon Boucher	\$8 00	
Louie M. Robinson	36 75	
	<hr/>	\$44 75
Unexpended balance		\$5 25

 WATER SUPPLY (Investigation of)

Appropriation		\$25 00
Worcester County Abstract Co.		\$1 38
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Unexpended balance		\$23 62

 RECEIPTS

From Boynton Record Building Fund	\$18 00
Business Corporation Tax	9 76

Butcher's License, Sumner Foskett		5 00
Cemetery Lots sold—		
Josephine Supenor	\$1 00	
Frank A. Pierce (Mooreland)	20 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
Central District Court Fees		10 00
Costs Re-advertised property		87 84
Dog Fund		184 57
Howe Farm, rent of		147 50
Income Boynton Trust Funds, Herbert S. Robin-		
son		340 01
Income Tax, 1921, and prior years		31 50
Income Tax, 1922		47 00
Income Tax, 1923, general purposes		514 22
Income Tax, 1923, school fund		941 63
Income Tax, 1923		40 00
Inspector of Animals		25 00
Insurance Dividends		15 84
Interest on Bank Account		47 72
Interest, 1921 taxes		231 36
Interest, 1922 taxes		266 71
Interest, 1923 taxes		10 84
Library fines		18 00
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board—		
Joseph K. Atkins	\$28 88	
Flora E. Barclay	36 10	
Doris H. Barton	36 12	
Eva M. Huby	14 40	
Anne C. Merriman	27 75	
	<hr/>	143 25
Moth Tax, 1922		141 28
Moth Tax, 1923		44 80
Moth Tax, State highways		7 50
New England Power Company		346 50
Paxton Electric Light Department		316 00
Poll Taxes, 1922		70 00
Poll Taxes, 1923		717 00

Poor, support of, refund case No. 49		4 00
Public Service Corporation Tax	\$25 50	
Public Service Corporation Tax	37 39	
		<hr/> 62 89
Roads, Chapt. 81, Section 26		2912 62
Roads, Chapt. 90, No. Spencer, 1922—		
State	\$2000 00	
County	2000 00	
		<hr/> 4000 00
Roads, Chapt. 90, No. Spencer, 1923—		
State	\$3000 00	
County	3000 00	
		<hr/> 6000 00
Rent of Town Hall		219 50
Sale Plank to Spencer		85 80
Schools—		
Mass. School return, 1922		1557 93
Mass. Vocational Schools		335 70
Mass. Trade Schools		34 96
Supt. Schools (Small Towns)		193 32
High Schools, tuition		1720 00
Transportation High School Pupils		717 90
Sealer's Fees		4 03
Soldiers' Exemption		20 09
State Aid		168 00
Taxes, 1921		2188 30
Taxes, 1922		9424 67
Taxes, 1923		16138 15
War Tax on Admissions		69 77
Due from Paxton Electric Light Co., interest on notes		197 11
		<hr/> \$50854 57
Loans from Banks—		
Mechanics Savings Bank	\$1500 00	
Peoples Savings Bank	3000 00	

Worcester Bank & Trust Company	4000 00	
Worcester County Institution for		
Savings	11500 00	
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	4000 00	
	<hr/>	24000 00
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		\$74854 57

PAYMENTS

Boynton Record Building Fund—		
L. M. Robinson	\$15 00	
F. E. Ladd	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00
Bridges		100 00
Civilian War Poll Tax, 1923		465 00
Care of Common		45 25
County Tax, 1923		727 00
Electric Light Depreciation Fund		570 00
Fire Purposes		288 91
High School Transportation		809 90
Interest on Town Notes		1274 09
July Fourth Celebration		44 70
William Maccabee, electric light extension		300 00
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board		143 25
Meat, Inspection of		125 00
Memorial Day		50 00
Mooreland Cemetery		7 40
Moths, Suppression of		511 08
Municipal Fund		6457 36
New England Power Company—		
Richard Catherwood	\$10 80	
Gordon Ferris	10 80	
Wesley Ferris	10 80	
M. J. Hyland	27 00	

John McHale	42 60	
William Mundy	32 40	
Nannigan Bros.	8 25	
Wallis Tannehill	10 80	
John F. Trum	47 25	
John F. Trum, Jr.	37 80	
William Trum	108 00	
	<hr/>	346 50

Notes—

Henry C. Eames	\$500 00	
Peoples Savings Bank	7700 00	
Peoples Savings Bank (Paid by Electric Light Co.)	316 00	
Worcester Bank & Trust Company	2500 00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	4500 00	
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1900 00	
	<hr/>	17416 00
Playground		26 10
Poor, Support of		577 71
Roads, Chapt. 81, Section 26 (Town Roads)		4476 86
Roads, Chapt. 90, North Spencer, 1922		1485 28
Roads, Chapt. 90, North Spencer, 1923		8000 00
Schools		9699 84
Snow		5427 33
Soldiers' Relief		192 00
State Aid		168 00
State Tax, 1923		1200 00
State Highway Tax		179 85
State Municipal Light Plants		1 74
Tax Titles—		
Marion E. Gleason	1 50	
F. E. Ladd,	7 50	
E. C. Wheeler	15 00	
Worcester Evening Post	105 13	
	<hr/>	129 13

Tree Warden	44 75
War Tax on Admissions (Collector Internal Revenue)	69 77
Water Supply, Investigation of	1 38
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	\$61379 18
Cash on hand, January 1, 1923	\$2075 43
Receipts during the year	74854 57
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	\$76930 00
Payments during the year	61379 18
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1923	\$15550 82

NOTES OUTSTANDING, DECEMBER 31, 1923

July 1, 1914	Henry C. Eames, at 4%, due Jan. 1, 1924	\$500 00
Jan. 1, 1920	Worcester Bank & Trust Co., at 5%, due Jan. 1, 1924	2000 00
Dec. 17, 1920	Worcester Bank & Trust Co., at 6½%, due Jan. 1, 1924	500 00
July 6, 1923	Worcester County Institution for Savings, at 4½%, due Jan. 7, 1924	3000 00
Jan. 23, 1923	Mechanics Savings Bank, at 5%, due Jan. 23, 1924	1500 00
Aug. 28, 1923	Worcester County Institution for Savings, at 4½%, due Feb. 28, 1924	4000 00
April 17, 1923	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, at 5%, due April 17, 1924	4000 00
May 9, 1921	Peoples Savings Bank, at 6%, due May 9, 1924	500 00

May 18, 1923	Worcester Bank & Trust Co., at 4½%, due May 18, 1924	4000 00
Sept. 1, 1922	Peoples Savings Bank, at 4½%, due Sept. 1, 1924	500 00
Jan. 19, 1922	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, at 5%, due Dec. 15, 1924	300 00
Sept. 1, 1922	Peoples Savings Bank, at 4½%, due Sept. 1, 1925	500 00
Jan. 19, 1922	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, at 5%, due Dec. 15, 1925	300 00
Sept. 1, 1922	Peoples Savings Bank, at 4½%, due Sept. 1, 1926	500 00
Jan. 19, 1922	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank, at 5%, due Dec. 15, 1926	300 00
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		\$22400 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS, DEC. 31, 1923

Simon Abbott	\$100 00
Bemis Lot	100 00
Tyler Bemis	100 00
Henry C. Bliss	100 00
Charles D. Boynton	1000 00
David F. and Percis Boynton	100 00
D. Russell Boynton	500 00
N. Clark	100 00
David G. Davis	100 00
Ralph Earle	100 00
Nellie M. Farr (Mooreland)	100 00
Elizabeth Goddard	100 00

Eliver Goodnow	400 00
Simon G. Harrington	100 00
Simon G. Harrington	100 00
William Harrington	100 00
Howe Fund	100 00
John O. Howe	100 00
Hubbard Lot	100 00
Francis Keep	100 00
Leander Kirby	100 00
Bradley Livermore	100 00
Foster T. Merriam	100 00
George B. Newton	100 00
Josiah O. Keep	100 00
Clarissa Parker	100 00
Moses Parkhurst	100 00
Sarah J. Prouty	1000 00
Maria L. Smith	200 00
Stephen Streeter	100 00
Waite Fund	150 00
John and Lucretia Warren	100 00
William M. Warren	100 00
Wood Fund	100 00
Woodward Fund	100 00

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

C. D. Boynton Record Building Fund	100 00
D. Russell Boynton Poor Fund	1000 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. DANIHER,

Treasurer.

Paxton, Mass.

December 31, 1923.

Approved:

WARREN H. COLDWELL, *Auditor.*

Collector's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923

TAXES OF 1921

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1921	\$2463 11
To interest collected on same	231 36
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	\$2694 47

Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer	\$2419 66
Credit by property sold to the Town	264 22
By uncollected taxes of 1921	10 59
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	\$2694 47

TAXES OF 1922

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1922	\$10138 94
To interest collected on same in 1923	266 71
To interest collected in 1922	5 65
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	\$10411 30

Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer	\$9832 66
Credit by abatements	20 25

By uncollected taxes of 1922	108 32
By cash on hand	95
Credit by property sold to the Town	310 09
Credit by moth tax paid Town Treasurer in 1922	139 03
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	\$10411 30

TAXES OF 1923

Dr.

To tax levy of 1923	\$28872 91
To interest collected on same	10 84
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	\$28883 75

Cr.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	\$16148 99
By uncollected taxes of 1923	12734 76
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	\$28883 75

MOTH TAX OF 1923

Dr.

To tax levy	\$305 71
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Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer	\$141 28
By uncollected moth tax	164 43
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	\$305 71

POLL TAXES OF 1922

Dr.

By uncollected poll taxes of 1922	\$135 00
By additional assessments in Jan., 1923	5 00
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	\$140 00

Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer	\$70 00
Credit by abatements	5 00
Credit by uncollected poll taxes of 1922	65 00
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	\$140 00

POLL TAXES OF 1923

Dr.

To tax levy of 1923	\$775 00
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Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer	\$717 00
Credit by abatements	18 00
Credit by uncollected poll taxes of 1923	40 00
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	\$775 00

GEORGE H. WHITNEY,
Tax Collector.

Approved:

January 14, 1924.

W. H. COLDWELL, *Town Auditor.*

Report of Electric Light Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923

MANAGER'S REPORT

Metered sales to private consumers, light and power	\$3684 66
Flat rate sales to private consumers, light	96 00
Municipal revenues—	
For notes paid	1500 00
For street lights	450 00
For depreciation fund	384 25
Appropriations	300 00
Total revenues from sale of electric energy	\$6414 91

OPERATING EXPENSE

Electric Energy purchased	\$2,527 37
Transmission and Distribution Operation	68 06
Transmission and Distribution Maintenance	1,093 75
Utilization—	
Street Light Maintenance and Repairs	144 68
Salaries of Municipal Light Board and Manager	20 00
General Office Supplies and Expenses	129 84
Inventory Adjustments	10 74
Depreciation	384 25
Miscellaneous General Expense	65 12
Grand total operating expense	\$4,443 81

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

Operating Revenue	\$6,414 91
Operating Expenses	4,443 81
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Net Operating Revenue	\$1,971 10
Deduction from Gross Income—	
Interest on Notes	\$219 62
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Income Balance Transferred to Profit and Loss	\$1,751 48

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Credit Balance Transferred from Income Account	\$1,751 48
Debit Balance at Beginning of Fiscal	
Period	\$198 78
Other Deduction from Surplus	
Notes Paid	1816 00
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	2014 78
Balance Carried Forward to Balance Sheet	263 30

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

Assets	Balance at Beginning of Year	Balance at Close of Year	Net Change
Investments			
Plant Investment	\$10,680 97	\$10,823 74	\$142 77
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash	\$112 85	\$395 26	\$282 41
Accounts Receivable	951 26	306 97	644 29
Materials and Supplies	210 00	139 92	70 08
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Total Current Assets	\$1,274 11	\$842 15	\$431 96

Reserve Funds

Depreciation Funds	\$9 61	\$77 59	\$67 98
Grand Total	\$11,964 69	\$11,743 48	\$221 21

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Balance at Close of Year	Net Change
Appropriation for			
Construction	\$1,515 07	\$1,515 07	
Notes Payable	3,316 00	1,500 00	1,816 00
Current Liabilities	1,373 40	1,555 71	182 31
Consumers' Deposits	.....	20 00	20 00
Other Current			
Liabilities	359 00	.....	359.00
	\$1,732 40	\$1,575 71	\$156 69
Loans Repayment	\$5,600 00	\$7,416 00	\$1,816 00

PROFIT AND LOSS DEBIT

Balance	\$198 78	\$263 30	\$64 52
Grand Total	\$11,964 69	\$11,743 48	\$221 21

PLANT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

STRUCTURES		Balance at Beginning of Year	Additional During Year	Depreciation and Other Credits During Year	Balance at Close of Year
		\$293 44			\$293 44
53	Transformer Sta. and Sub-Sta. Equip.	504 50			504 50
	Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	7,806 69	393 76	384 25	7,816 20
	Consumer's Meter and Installation	662 22	133 26		795 48
	Line Transformers and Installation	1,116 21			1,116 21
	Street Lighting Equipment	297 91			297 91
	Total Plant Investment	\$10,680 97	\$527 02	\$384 25	10,823 74

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

Cost of Structure	\$293 44
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	9,689 94
Cost of Trans. Station and Sub-Sta. Equipment	690 00
Cost of Consumers' Meter and Installation	948 98
Cost of Line Transformers and Installation	1,387 21
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	325 91
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Total Cost of Plant as shown by the book	\$13,335 48

CASH BALANCE AT CLOSE OF YEAR

Operation Fund	\$395 26
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DEPRECIATION FUND ACCOUNT

Debits

Balance at beginning of year	\$9 61
Amount transferred from Town Funds	595 00
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Total	\$604 61

DEPRECIATION FUND ACCOUNTS

Credits

Amounts expended for construction purposes	\$527 02
Balance at close of year	77 59
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Total	\$604 61

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Supplies on hand	\$139 92
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The business for 1923 has shown considerable increase.
We have added 22 new consumers during the year.

We have bought 20 new meters and have saved 30 per cent. on each meter by signing a contract to buy all our meters, for one year, from the same company, giving us a discount of 45-10 per cent. from the list price, or in other words, paying \$8.41 per meter, against \$12.00 in previous years.

Also in buying transformers, of which we have bought four, we signed a contract for one year giving us a discount of 45 per cent. from list. We have also bought wire direct from the mills, saving jobbers' profit.

ROY M. WENTWORTH, *Manager.*

Approved: FRANK GRIFFIN.

Report of Board of Health

The general health of the community for the year has been very good.

On October 25 a case of scarlet fever was reported in the home of Geo. Perkins in the west part of the town, from which no contagion was apparent. After the recovery of the Perkins case, seven other cases developed in widely separated sections of the town, making eight cases in all. All are now recovered and out of quarantine.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. LADD,
RENA ROBINSON,
ARTHUR F. STEVENS,
Board of Health, Paxton, Mass.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee for 1924

In accordance with vote passed at the annual town meeting February 5, 1923, the Finance Committee have held several meetings to consider finances for the year 1924 and after requesting estimates from the different Department Heads which were very carefully considered, the following recommendations were finally made and are hereby submitted to the voters for further action:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

Items	Estimate, 1924	Totals
Assessors—		
Salaries	\$70 00	
Clerical Work	50 00	
Supplies and Postage	5 00	
Abstracts	10 00	
Transportation	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
Collector—		
Salary	\$200 00	
Supplies and Postage	10 00	
Printing	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$220 00
Elections—		
Salaries and Fees	\$32 00	
Printing	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

Legal—

Unexpended Balance 1923	\$133 00	
New appropriation	67 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

Printing—

Town Reports	\$200 00	
Other	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$225 00

Salaries—

Selectmen	\$130 00	
Town Clerk	50 00	
Auditor	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$230 00

Sealer—

Salary	\$10 00	
Supplies	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

Treasurer—

Salary	\$150 00	
Supplies and Postage	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 00

Repairing Flag

5 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Constables—

Salary and Supplies	\$100 00	
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Fire Department—

Storage	\$120 00	
Supplies	100 00	
Maintenance of Truck	100 00	
Outlays	625 00	
	<hr/>	\$945 00

Insurance—

Fire:

Town Hall	\$60 00
Howe Place	37 00
Schoolhouse	60 00
Library Contents	8 73
Fire Truck	75 00

Liability:

Public	132 00	
Fire Truck	none	
Workingmen's Compensation	72 32	
	<hr/>	\$445 05

Moth—

Pay Roll and Supplies	\$500 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

Tree Warden—

Payroll	\$50 00	
Salary	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health—

Salaries	\$20 00	
Supplies	5 00	
Assistance	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$145 00

Inspector of Animals—

Salary

\$50 00

\$50 00

Inspector of Meats and Slaughtering—

Salary

\$125 00

\$125 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Section 26, Chapter 81, Town

Roads

\$1,600 00

\$1,600 00

Snow—

Payrolls and Materials

\$1,000 00

\$1,000 00

Bridges—

Payrolls and Materials

\$100 00

\$100 00

CHARITIES

Overseer of the Poor—

Salaries

\$20 00

Aid

200 00

\$220 00

SCHOOLS

Salaries—

School Committee	\$61 00	
School Superintendent	350 00	
School Teachers	4,700 00	
School Janitor	360 00	
Fuel	500 00	
Light	12 00	
Supplies	300 00	
Trade School Transportation	550 00	
Trade School Tuition	1,000 00	
High School Transportation	1,000 00	
High School Tuition	2,000 00	
Grade School Transportation	1,800 00	
Building Repairs	350 00	
School Physician	25 00	
School Nurse	25 00	
Music	50 00	
Cocoa	25 00	
	<u>\$13,108 00</u>	

(Probable Reimbursement)

\$5,000 00

STATE AID

\$168 00

\$168 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

\$192 00

\$192 00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Electric Light—

Street Lights		\$750 00	
Depreciation Fund,			
1924	\$400 06		
Bal. Depreciation			
Fund, 1923	89 25		
	<hr/>	489 31	
Salaries		20 00	
Bookkeeping		50 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,309 31

Water

	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$225 00

CEMETERIES

Mooreland Unexpended Balance, 1923	\$332 60	
	<hr/>	\$332 60

INTEREST ON NOTES

	\$1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

LIBRARY

Salaries and Supplies—

Dog Fund, Unexpended Balance		
Jan. 1, 1923	\$112 47	
Dog Fund, Unexpended Balance		
Dec. 31, 1923	97 48	
	<hr/>	\$209 95

RECREATION

Grading, Unexpended Balance, 1923	\$43 40
Memorial Day	50 00
Fourth July	50 00

UNCLASSIFIED

Contingent Fund	300 00
Court Charges	50 00

TOWN HALL

Supplies	\$15 00	
Fuel	160 00	
Light	70 00	
Janitor	208 00	
Repairs	225 00	
Clock	25 00	
Record Building	4 00	
		<hr/>
		\$707 00

HOWE PLACE

Taxes, Real and Moth	\$200 00
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	\$24,515 31

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. LADD,
 ROY P. MARBLE,
 HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
 GEORGE H. WHITNEY,
 GEORGE H. JOHNSON,

MARY M. DANIHER,
 FRANK S. GRIFFIN,
 WARREN H. COLDWELL,
 RUFUS B. DUNBAR,
 MISS BERTHA E. BILL,
 HERBERT W. ESTABROOK,

Finance Committee.

Report of Trustee of C. D. Boynton Fund

Cash in People's Savings Bank, Worcester	\$2,700 00	
Cash in Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1,748 00	
Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	
Cash in Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,648 00
Dividends received on the above		\$348 01
Cash paid Mary M. Daniher, Town Treasurer	\$340 01	
Cash paid H. S. Robinson, services	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$348 01

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
Trustee.

Paxton, Jan. 1, 1924.

Report of Trustees of the Free Public Library

The number of books issued at the library during the year was 2,300; the number of patrons, 190.

There have been added during the year, by purchase, 25 volumes; from the Free Public Library Commission, 16 volumes.

We beg to acknowledge the following donations: W. H. Kilton, 26 volumes; Miss Emerson, 2 volumes; Mrs. Shover, 5 volumes.

Traveling Library No. 155 was exchanged November 1st for Library No. 122.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Report of Overseers of Poor

Your Overseers submit the following report:

For special hospital cases the town appropriated \$550 00

Dr.

Case 53	\$24 75	
Case 54	20 00	
Case 55	399 43	
Case 56	44 42	
	<hr/>	488 60

Unexpended \$61 40

For expense of current year, town appropriated \$300 00

Dr.

Charlton Poor Farm Association	\$13 20	
Salaries and incidentals	32 50	
Case 57	47 41	
	<hr/>	\$93 11

Unexpended \$206 89

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. OLMSTEAD,
CLIFTON PARKHURST,
GRACE MACCABEE,
Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Charlton Poor Farm Association

For the year ending December 31, 1923

RECEIPTS

Milk	\$2,413 60	
Eggs	22 10	
Stock	534 00	
Inmates' board	4,906 93	
Boarders	1,117 48	
Annual assessment	756 05	
Miscellaneous	47 50	
Lime and fertilizer	109 50	
Interest on deposit	6 30	
	<hr/>	\$9,983 46

EXPENDITURES

C. M. Wheeler and Wife	\$1,200 00
Inside labor	365 00
Outside labor	609 92
Miscellaneous	266 55
Groceries	1,259 73
Meat	1,086 70
Grain	979 53
Coal	419 92
Oil and gasoline	163 41
Supplies	558 17
Clothing	193 12
Insurance	102 70
Drugs	25 10
Electricity	54 12
Telephone	51 12

Rent and interest	676 06	
Sulky plow	100 00	
Steam cooker	32 00	
Veterinary	48 18	
Medical attendance	46 00	
Blacksmithing	26 25	
Pasturage	60 00	
Stock	80 00	
Seed	33 25	
Tobacco	135 05	
Fertilizer	283 38	
Dues, N. E. M. P. A.	12 80	
	<hr/>	\$8,868 46
Balance		<hr/> \$1,115 00

RECEIVED AND DUE FOR INMATES' BOARD

Ashburnham	\$234 63	
Boylston	469 26	
Brookfield	469 26	
Charlton	234 63	
East Brookfield	16 06	
Holden	18 00	
Leicester	595 89	
Millbury	1,270 24	
Oakham	234 63	
Princeton	161 63	
Rutland	440 33	
Sterling	293 14	
Westminster	469 26	
	<hr/>	\$4,096 93
Total number of weeks for inmates	1,089 3-7	
Weeks for boarders	229 6-7	

No inmates from Auburn, Hubbardston, Holland, Hardwick, Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
President.

LOUIS M. HANFF,
Secretary and Treasurer.

\$2,868.40

\$1,417.00

RECEIVED AND PAID FOR INMATES-BOARD

\$284.00	Ashburnham
469.30	Boylston
469.30	Brookfield
284.00	Charlton
10.00	East Brookfield
18.00	Holland
508.80	Leicester
1,270.24	Milbury
284.00	Oakham
161.00	Princeton
440.00	Rutland
284.14	Sterling
469.20	Westminster
\$4,099.93	

1,030 3-7
230 0-7

Report of Fire Department Engineers

List of Jurors for Year 1924

W. H. Brown
Frank A. Reid
Lewis B. Curtis

Alfred Maccabee
Warren H. Coldwell
Clarence G. Cheney

Report of Fire Department Engineers

We, the undersigned engineers of the Paxton Fire Department do hereby respectfully submit the following record of fires for the year ending December 31, 1923.

March 9th—Chimney fire at the home of Arthur W. Dwyer. On duty half hour; six men responded; four chemicals used; no damage done.

March 14th—Chimney fire at the McManus house occupied by Jesse Mills. On duty half hour; six men responded; three chemicals used; no damage done.

March 24th—Chimney fire at the home of George H. Whitney. On duty half hour; five men responded; three chemicals used; no damage done.

March 24th—Fire at the home of George Perkins on West Side of Town; overheated chimney caused slight damage.

March 29th—Fire broke out at midnight in the saw mill on the Paxton-Worcester line, but was quickly subdued by hand chemicals; on duty one hour; eight men responded; five chemicals used; no damage done.

April 12th—Grass fire at the farm of Katherine Magoon near the State road; on duty half hour; ten men responded; six chemicals used; no damage done.

April 21st—Grass and brush fire on land owned by Mr. Hoyle opposite the home of C. H. Milliken. On duty three hours; twenty men responded; twelve chemicals used; no damage done.

April 22nd—Brush fire in the wood lot at the Pine Hill Reservoir of the Worcester Water Works. On duty three hours; twenty-four men responded; nineteen chemicals used; damage to cord wood, \$68.00. Forest Warden Frank Williams placed two men on guard at this fire to prevent a fresh outbreak.

April 22nd—Brush fire in the Pine Grove owned by A. A. Brigham. On duty two hours; twenty-one men responded; sixteen chemicals used; no damage done.

April 25th—Fire broke out at 1.45 A. M. in the cottage house owned by Albert M. Shover, situated beside the Town Hall. Mrs. Shover gave the alarm to the night man at the State Police headquarters, who sent six men with hand chemicals, but they were unable to cope with the blaze, which had gained great headway. Fireman Woodbury, who lives near the Shover place, discovered the fire about the time the State Police were notified, and immediately rang the fire alarm, which brought out the fire truck. A chemical stream from the two 45-gallon tanks subdued the fire while a water line was being laid from the well at Whitney's blacksmith shop. A stream of water was then played on the fire for about forty minutes and it was quickly under control. The firemen did excellent work at this fire, as a two-story tenement house directly in front of the burning building, and the Town Hall beside the fire were saved by prompt action. On duty three hours; seventeen men responded; the two chemical tanks on the truck and all hand chemicals were used, while the rotary pumper was used at the well; property damage estimated at \$1,000.00. Personal property of Mr. and Mrs. Shover was entirely destroyed.

May 26th—Alarm was sounded for a fire at Camp Pike and upon arrival of the firemen and truck, the shed or small house was seen to be a total loss and much attention was given to saving a cottage house and a combination boathouse

and camp. The roofs of both places were set afire by flying sparks from the burning shed. After a stubborn fight both were extinguished.

Attention was then given to the brush fire, which endangered many of the nearby camps. The property destroyed was owned by Miss Emma Ryberg and occupied by John P. Sexton of Worcester for the season. On duty two hours; twelve men responded; both large chemical tanks on the truck were used and eighteen hand chemicals; property damage estimated at \$300.00.

July 3rd—Fire broke out in an unoccupied house on the Mannigian Farm and because of the lack of telephone service the fire had gained tremendous headway before the department was notified. On duty two hours; fifteen men responded; the two tanks on the truck were used and all hand chemicals; property loss estimated at \$2,000.00.

July 20th—Fire broke out in the barn owned by Mr. Niemila on the Barre road and had made great headway before an alarm could be given. Mr. Niemila was unable to notify the department because of the necessity of remaining to save his house, which caught fire several times from the burning barn. On duty three hours; twenty-five men responded; eight hand chemicals used to save outlying farm wagons and tools; property loss estimated to Mr. Niemila at \$2,000.00. Five horses were burned to death, being the property of David A. Curry. Mr. Curry's loss, including harnesses and wagons, estimated at \$1,350.00.

August 10th—State Police headquarters received a call to assist in putting out a fire in an automobile on the State highway near Paxton-Worcester line. The machine was destroyed and was a six-cylinder Empire Touring Car, registration No. 187,555 and owned by William Chestney, 7 Diamond street, Worcester, Mass. Four of the town chemicals were used and three firemen were at the fire. The loss was estimated at \$500.00.

October 10th—Word was received from Echo Farm that an auto truck was burning on the Rutland road. The department responded with the fire truck, and seeing that the auto could not be saved, put out the brush fire, which had started from the burning auto. On duty one hour; twelve men responded; ten chemicals used. The auto which was owned by George Gregoreos, 60 Salem street, Worcester, Mass., and operated by William Stevens, 36 Pleasant street, Worcester, Mass., was destroyed.

ARTHUR F. STEVENS,
GEORGE H. WHITNEY,
GEO. V. CLAPP,

Fire Department Engineer.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

Whole number of animals slaughtered		101
Hogs	44	
Veals	56	
Beef cattle	1	
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Time spent inspecting, 131 hours, for which I received		\$125 00

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON PARKHURST,
Inspector.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

Town Appropriated	\$340 00
Received for one cemetery lot	20 00
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	\$360 00
Paid for mowing grass	\$7 40
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Balance	\$352 60

The question may be asked why this money was not spent. The answer is as follows:

Your Commissioners wanted a little more land at the gates so they could make more graceful curves. We asked the County Commissioners to locate a boundary that might be permanent. This was asked during the month of June. The Commissioners did not get ready to view the ground until the 14th of October. We had had communication with a Worcester company who agreed to erect a substantial and respectable wire fence at a price agreeable to this board. The company was asked to go ahead and erect the fence. They agreed to work at once but did not proceed with the work. We waited until December 1st and nothing had been done, at which time we countermanded the order. We interviewed this company frequently and got many promises which did not materialize.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON PARKHURST,
RUTH I. DERBY,
ARTHUR W. DWYER,

Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Work Done on Paxton Roads

DURING THE YEAR 1923—UNDER CHAPTER 81

Board of Selectmen, Paxton, Mass.

Work commenced April 2, 1923.

West Rutland Road—Scraped and brush cut.

Eames Pond Road—Scraped and brush cut, one stone culvert relaid.

North Spencer Road—Scraped and brush cut. Gravel spread 200 feet long, 12 feet wide, and six inches deep. Washout filled.

Nannigan Road—Scraped and brush cut. Gravel spread 450 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 6 inches deep.

Brigham Hill Road—Scraped and brush cut. Washout filled.

Davis Hill Road—Scraped and brush cut.

Spencer Road—Scraped and brush cut. Dragged. Gravel spread 1,500 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 3 inches deep. On the improved section a bleeder 5 feet wide, 2 feet deep, and 26 feet long was put in.

Rutland Road—Scraped and brush cut. Widened an average of 6 feet for a distance of 1.5 miles. Dragged three times. Two 12-inch corr. pipe culverts, one 40 feet long, and one 34 feet long were laid. One 12-inch culvert was extended 6 feet. Gravel spread 480 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 4 inches deep. The improved section was patched with K. P. and stone and given an application of 1,320 gallons of Tarvia A. 18 feet wide, .5 miles long, at .25 gallons per square yard. Catch basins on this section were cleaned twice.

Barre Road—Shoulders scraped. Patched with K. P. and stone, 374 gallons of Tarvia A. was applied .3 miles, 9½ feet wide at .22 gallons per square yard.

Pudding Corner Road—Scraped. Dragged and brush cut. Widened an average of 5 feet for a distance of 1,800 feet. Sixty yards of ledge and boulders removed. One 12-inch corrugated pipe culvert 26 feet long laid. Gravel spread 350 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 4 inches deep, and 150 feet long, 12 feet wide and 6 inches deep.

Ojane Road—Scraped and brush cut.

Ojane Lane—Scraped and brush cut.

Johnson's Lane—Scraped and brush cut.

Ben Barclay Road—Scraped and brush cut. One 12-inch corr. pipe culvert 20 feet long laid.

New Braintree Road—Scraped and brush cut. Two yards of gravel used in filling washout. Widened road 7 feet for a distance of 50 feet over a culvert, and guard rail repaired. Gravel spread 700 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 6 inches deep.

Henry's Lane—Scraped and brush cut.

Leicester Road—Scraped and brush cut. Two stone culverts relaid. Washout filled.

Wallbridge Road—Scraped and brush cut.

Crystal Spring Road—Scraped and brush cut. Widened, and washout filled.

O'Connor or Old County Road—Scraped.

Silver Spring Road—Scraped.

Nystrom Road—Scraped and brush cut. Washout filled.

Grove Street—Scraped and brush cut. Dragged twice. The following lengths of corr. iron culvert were laid: two 12-inch by 18 feet; 12-inch by 30 feet; 18-inch by 24 feet; 16-inch by 24 feet. Gravel spread 150 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 3 inches deep.

Haggett Road—Scraped and brush cut.

Hillside Street—Scraped.

Streeter Road—Scraped and brush cut. Dragged. One culvert extended two feet.

Maple Street—Scraped and brush cut. Dragged. 306 gallons of Tarvia A, 18 feet wide and 612 feet long at .25 gallons per square yard was applied.

Holden Road—Scraped and brush cut. One 12-inch culvert extended 6 feet. One stone culvert relaid.

Turkey Hill Road—Scraped.

Water Street—Scraped.

Christian Hill Road—Scraped and one stone culvert extended 7 feet.

North Spencer Road—Under Chapter 90. The State appropriated the sum of \$3,000, the County \$3,000, and the Town \$2,000, for the extending of the improved work on this road from Station 85-0. This money was spent by the Town under the State's direction, and 2,300 feet were built this year. Stone fill 15 feet wide and 10 inches deep was laid the entire distance, and covered with four inches of gravel. Corrugated pipe culverts were laid as follows: Station 91-50, 40 feet of 18-inch pipe; Station 94-50, 46 feet of 24-inch pipe; Station 98-35, 32 feet of 12-inch pipe; Station 107-28, 56 feet of 24-inch pipe. Stone guard rails were built from 103-50 to 107-50 on left, and 104-50 to 107-0 on right. Between Station 103-0 and 108-0, the county laid out a new line for the roadway which eliminated a very bad curve, and greatly improved this road. The work was constructed in a thoroughly business like manner and full value was obtained for the money spent. It is hoped to complete the balance of this road the coming year.

SUMMARY

Scraped	26.5 miles
Gravel hauled	717 cu. yds.
12-inch culvert laid	198 ft.
16-inch culvert laid	24 ft.
18-inch culvert laid	24 ft.
Brush cut	16 miles

REMARKS

The roadwork this year has been very satisfactory and many of the roads have had considerable work done on them. On the Rutland Road, considerable work was done,

owing to the fact that this road was used as a detour during construction of new State Road in Rutland. The cost of all this work was paid for by the State, which left that much money in the Chapter 81 account to be used elsewhere by the town upon its roads.

On the Pudding Corner road, the road was widened and many stones blasted and removed. Hot tar was applied on the surface of the improved work on the Rutland Road and part of Maple Street. Considerable work was done on Grove Street to keep this road in a fairly passable shape. Heavy trucks owned by the City of Worcester greatly damaged this road as fast as it was repaired, and this cost the town several dollars to maintain. On the roads in the western part of the town the New England Power Co. is doing considerable damage with their heavy trucks and tractors. This matter has been taken up with the company by Mr. Trum and they have agreed to stand the expense of repairing the damage, and repairs are now being constantly made.

Respectfully submitted,*

R. A. VESPER,

Engineer Chapter 81 Work.

TOOLS

On hand in the Town of Paxton, December 1, 1923

Name	Number
Axes	6
Brooms	2
Crow Bars	6
Striking Hammers	5
Stone Hammers	12
Pick Handles	15

Hoes	3
Stone Picks	5
Lanterns	21
Mattocks	9
Pails	2
Picks	21
Rubber Boots, pairs	8
Rakes	6
Road Drags, Chap. 81 Split Log	2
Road Machines, A. Champion	2
Road Machine Blades	2
Road Machine Blades, A. Champion	4
1 Steel Shovel	1
Sand Screens	2
Scythes	6
Snaths	6
Shovels, Short rd.	28
Russell Rooter Plow	2
Tool Boxes	2
Oil Cans	2
Drills	6

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,
Engineer Chapter 81 Work.

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON ROADS IN THE TOWN OF PAXTON IN 1923

Under Chapter 81

West Rutland	\$49 31
Ames Pond	33 40
North Spencer	236 66

Nannigans	93	27
Brigham Hill	72	20
Davis Hill	75	40
Spencer	1044	07
Rutland Chap. 81	190	80
Rutland, Maintaining Detour	1400	16
Barre	161	64
Pudding Corner	523	04
Ojane	59	03
Johnson's Lane	21	40
Ben Barclay	140	97
North Braintree	770	56
Henry's Lane	15	00
Leicester	184	48
Crystal Spring	9	25
Silver Springs	13	48
Nystrom	136	51
Grove	471	10
Streeter	76	44
Maple	61	20
Holden	39	16
Water	33	83
Christian Hill	179	00
Culverts	17	64
Road Oil	340	00
Machinery	37	70
Machinery Repairs	45	46
Tools	13	22
Total		<hr/> \$6527 74
Town Allotment	\$1600	00
State Allotment	2400	00
	<hr/>	\$4000 00
Maintaining Detour—		
From State	1400	16
From N. E. Power	1163	28
Total		<hr/> \$6563 44

Total Payrolls	\$5570 47
Total Materials	957 27
	<hr/>
	\$6527 74
Balance Unexpended	35 70
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Total	\$6563 44

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,
Engineer Chapter 81 Work.

Report of the Superintendent of School

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1924.

To the School Committee of Paxton:

The sixth report of the present superintendent, and the twenty-fourth in the series since the formation of this union, is presented for your consideration. The tables of statistics that follow will indicate the organization and growth of the school. That giving the increase in enrollment during the past few years will show rather definitely the necessity for opening another room and for an increase in our appropriation. The schedule of promotions shows improvement over a year ago, but the Age and Grading chart tells us plainly that too many of our pupils are behind grade. There are, of course, many causes of retardation and some of them are difficult to overcome, but one evident reason for it is absence. We have repeatedly called attention to the waste that results from being absent so much. There is a real money loss to the town and a serious loss of time for teachers and pupils. Lessons have to be gone over for the benefit of those who have been absent, and loss of interest, failure of promotion and bad habits result. I would like to see an attendance banner presented to the school by some local organization, to be won each month by the room having the highest attendance record for the month.

To care for the growing enrollment we opened a fourth room early in the year and secured Miss Doris H. Barton as teacher. The third grade was given Miss Barton at first, and in September part of the second and the third. In March, Miss Huby returned to Lowell Normal School to complete her course, our arrangement with that School was

discontinued, and Mrs. Josephine M. Gould of Worcester was elected to take her place in grades four and five. Miss Merriman resigned after two years of service, and Mrs. Ruth A. Keddie of Worcester was chosen for the Primary room. Paxton is most fortunate in securing and retaining these teachers, and they should have loyal support and the co-operation of everyone. Mr. Joseph K. Atkins was appointed as Principal and to teach grades six, seven and eight, succeeding Miss Flora E. Barclay who resigned to accept a position in Worcester. I am very glad of this opportunity to commend the excellent work done by Miss Barclay and to express my hearty appreciation of the loyalty and fine professional spirit that characterized her teaching and service. After graduation from Normal School she taught for two years in the Intermediate room, and then for five years in the Grammar room, and served as Principal of the building. To keep abreast of the best educational thought and practice she attended Summer Schools and University Extension Courses.

We have covered the minimum requirement of the law by the appointment of a School Physician and a School Nurse, but we cannot get the full benefit of their service to the schools until we are able to pay more. Mrs. Annie Stearns, the Holden School Nurse, has been acting for us and has made two visits to the schools. Much more might be done if we could count on a visit at least once a month. If there were time to go into the homes, much good could be done in explaining the significance of physical defects and their relation to school work, in securing the co-operation of parents, investigating cases of sickness and in general in the endeavor to carry over into the home the health teaching of the school. The aim is to establish friendly understanding between the home and the school.

I believe it would be possible to secure a teacher of Drawing or Music, or both, for one day a week at a cost not to exceed \$300 for a year, and this would be a splendid investment. Not many of us are able to bestow great wealth on

our children, but we may give them the opportunity of getting an education. This is, after all, a wiser and a better gift. And we do not consider an education well rounded unless it includes some knowledge of and training in appreciation of Music and Art.

During the year we have been able to furnish new books for History in grades six, seven and eight, new Geographies for grade eight, and a few reference books. Pupils' desks have been added to care for the increase in membership, but we need to change the old desks in the Grammar room for adjustable furniture. The building has been painted on the outside, both porches repaired and sheathed in, and cement steps built. We need to have the halls heated, and the budget this year should provide for this and also for new blackboards.

A law approved last April provides for reimbursement for the transportation of pupils attending vocational schools on the same basis as for high schools. Another law provides for additional reimbursement for transportation to high school in cases where a pupil has to travel three or more miles by some other than a public conveyance.

Community spirit and interest in our schools had a practical and worth while demonstration this last summer when the new playground was graded. Very few schools of this size have as good a field. As a stream will not rise above its source, so our school will not exceed the hopes and aims of its supporters—the taxpayers. We believe in our school. Let us support it not only with our money but with our friendly and loyal support. Encouragement will do much to arouse teacher and pupil to greater effort. Criticism rarely helps. Let us help our boys and girls to a better citizenship through understanding of the dignity of labor, the value of money, the joy of doing a good piece of work, and the happiness that comes from clean living and right thinking.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Supt. of School .

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—Sept. 4, 1923, to Dec. 21, 1923—16 weeks

Winter Term—Jan. 7, 1924, to March 14, 1924—10 weeks

Spring Term—March 31, 1924, to June 6, 1924—10 weeks

Fall Term—Sept. 2, 1924, to Dec. 19, 1924—16 weeks

Winter Term—Jan. 5, 1925, to March 13, 1925—10 weeks

Spring Term—March 30, 1925, to June 5, 1925—10 weeks

Holidays

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1922-1923

SCHOOL	TEACHER	TRAINING	Enrol- ment	Total Atten.	Ave. Atten.	P.C. Atten.
Grammar	Flora E. Barclay	Worcester N. S.	26	22	20	91
Intermediate	Eva M. Huby	Lowell N. S.	45	42	38	90
	Josephine M. Gould	Worcester N. S. . .	..	..	..	..
Second Primary	Doris H. Barton	Kimball U. Acad. . .	..	..	..	..
First Primary	Anne C. Merriman	Northfield Sem.	37	35	31	88
Totals			108	99	89	90

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM, 1923

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Boys	8	5	7	15	5	8	6	5	59
Girls	12	9	10	6	4	6	2	3	52
Totals	20	14	17	21	9	14	8	8	111

INCREASE IN ENROLMENT

Year	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Pupils	53	58	67	72	76	88	106	111

PROMOTIONS, JUNE, 1923

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Promoted	13	17	19	7	13	5	6	9	89
On Trial	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	9
Repeat	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

REGISTRATION OF MINORS (Census) April 1, 1923

Number of Children in Paxton	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	8	7	15
Between 7 and 14 years of age	50	45	95
Between 14 and 16 years of age	11	3	14
Illiterates 16 to 21 years of age	0	0	0
Total	69	55	124

AGE AND GRADING CHART, APRIL 1, 1923

	Age—6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Grade											
I	6	7	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
II	..	10	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
III	..	..	10	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	20
IV	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	..	..	..	10
V	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	2	2	1	14
VI	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	7
VII	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	..	6
VIII	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	1	9
Total	6	17	19	10	6	12	14	9	7	2	102

Report of School Nurse

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1924.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My report as School Nurse covers the time from September to the present. Two visits were made to the Paxton schools.

The first was given over to a general inspection of the pupils and the building. Several cases of pediculosis were found, and a few cases of skin eruptions. There were many pupils in need of dental treatment.

The second visit was taken up with weighing and measuring the pupils and making out the new physical record cards.

I would recommend that the hallways be heated, and that hot cocoa be served to the pupils who bring their lunches during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE P. STEARNS,
Registered Nurse.

Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in Allen Hall, on Monday, the 4th. day of February, A. D., 1924, at 5.45 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following article:

Article 1. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Moderator, Town Clerk, three Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables and an Auditor each for the term of one year; one Selectman for three years and one Selectman for one year to fill vacancy; one Assessor for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; two Trustees Public Library for three years; one member Municipal Light Board for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years and one Cemetery Commissioner for one year to fill vacancy; one Water Commissioner for three years. All of the above to be voted for on one ballot. Also upon the same ballot to vote "YES" or "NO" on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

Also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

The polls will be opened at 5.45 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

At 10 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To hear the report of the Finance Committee and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the following purposes: support of the town's poor, repair of highways and bridges, support of the public schools and transportation of pupils, opening snow roads, fire purposes, State aid, soldiers' relief, support of public library, school physician, suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, care of common, inspection of meat and slaughtering, Mooreland Cemetery, tree warden, depreciation of electric light plant, street lighting, interest, compensation of town officers, contingent expenses, and municipal fund for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and appoint a committee for same.

Article 5. To see if the town will grant a sum of money with which to pay a proper charge of a Surety Company for acting as surety on official bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same or act in any way thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the provisions of Section 26 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the present municipal year beginning January 1, 1924, and

to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, or act in any way thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the Town Hall and also the care of the Town Clock for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the further construction of the West road, providing the State and County will each appropriate the sum of \$4,500 or enough to complete the road to the Spencer town line; and authorize the Treasurer, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum of \$3,000 and to issue three notes of the town therefor of \$1,000 each. The first note to be paid from the tax levy of 1924, the second note to be paid from the tax levy of 1925 and the last note to be paid from the tax levy of 1926. The Assessors to make provision in their tax levy for the payment of one of the notes and the interest on all outstanding notes each year.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town officers, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to employ counsel when deemed necessary in the performance of their duties.

Article 12. To see what action, if any, the town will take regarding the celebration of July 4, 1924, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to install a "Direct-u-light" at the south end of the common and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will authorize the Planning Board and the Board of Survey, acting as a joint committee, to revise and determine the names of all streets now existing in the town, and provide for the proceedings of the committee and the permanency of the results, or act in any way thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will provide for the appointment hereafter of constables, in lieu of election of those officers, or act in any way thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Water Commissioners, and the Special Water Committee appointed at the last annual town meeting, to continue its investigations and make provisions to secure to the town a future water supply; and vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize and vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the appraisal of all or a portion of the property in the town by a corps of experts, whose report, prepared in duplicate, shall be filed with the Selectmen and with the Assessors and shall be published, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to report at the next annual meeting on whether the town should establish a town forest.

Article 19. To see if the town will create a Finance Committee and provide for the duties and powers of the said committee.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from the estate of the late Charles F. Flint, the income only, to be used for the perpetual care of the Flint burial lot in Paxton Cemetery.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from the estate of the late Austin E. Skiff, the income only, to be used for the perpetual care of the Skiff burial lot in Paxton Cemetery.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from Mrs. Addie Rockwood Harrington, Worcester, the income only, to be used for the perpetual care of the Rockwood burial lot in Paxton Cemetery.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from Mrs. Evelyn G. Pease, the income only, to be used for the perpetual care of the William Mulligan burial lot in Paxton Cemetery.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof, seven days at least, before the time set for holding said meeting, as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1924.

(Signed.)

FRED E. LADD,
ROY P. MARBLE,
GEO. M. NICHOLS,
Selectmen of Paxton.